

NEXT COURSE ATTRACTION.
HON. Z. T. SWEENEY,
At the Tabernacle,
TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 27
SUBJECT—"The Golden Age."



The beautiful and valuable badge shown in the accompanying picture was presented to Dr. Sweeney by the Sultan.

ADMISSION ONLY 50 CENTS.
Including Free Reserved Seat.
Flat open Monday morning, Dec. 26, at Frank Curtis Jewelry Store.

PERSONAL.

—Miss Sadie Kenney left today for Evansville, Ind., to visit friends.

—Miss Sylvia Carter will spend the holidays in Chicago.

—W. D. Lewis will spend the holidays in Evanston.

—Fred Mann of St. Louis is home for the holidays.

—Justice James O'Mara will visit with old friends at Ramson over Sunday.

—Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Sanders will spend Christmas with relatives at Dudley, Ill.

—Miss Elder of the High school faculty will visit relatives at Carthage, Ill., during the holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. John McRoberts of Indianapolis are in the city for the holidays.

—Dr. Bob Shandling is here from Clarksville to visit his parents.

—George W. Fife arrived in the city to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. S. F. Ryan.

—Miss Callie Rich and Frank Rich of Chicago are here to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rich.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Woodcock of Macon were in the city today.

—Justice George P. Hardy and wife left this afternoon for Moweaqua, where they will spend Christmas with friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Midkiff and children will spend Christmas at Oakland.

—Mr. John W. Graham has been confined to his home on West Main street for several weeks and his condition shows no signs of permanent improvement.

—John T. Dittie of Cincinnati is in the city for the holidays.

—Harry A. Bunsford of the Yale college faculty, with his wife and child, arrived yesterday to spend three weeks with Decatur relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mapes have gone to Ureana to visit with Mrs. Mapes' parents.

—Attorney Frank Fwing will spend a part of next week with his parents at Ansonia.

—Miss Lillian Draper of Macon was in the city today.

—Mrs. M. M. Baker of Lincoln is the guest of Mrs. M. L. Dennis at 820 North Union street for the holidays.

—Mrs. M. L. Dennis of North Union street today entertained Mrs. N. M. Baker of Lincoln, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hawkins and Mr. Will Hawkins at dinner.

—Shirley Craft, son of Rev. Frost Craft, has taken a position with the Walcott in the office of the chief train dispatcher.

—Peter Loeb has partially recovered from a severe attack of the grip and is again able to be down town. He was confined to his home for several days.

—H. L. Oldham, who has been confined to his room at the St. Nicholas for several days with a severe cold, is able to attend to business duties.

—J. E. Eble and wife of Clinton are in the city visiting Mason Moore and family.

—Leslie R. Boyans, who has been traveling through the west for a New York firm, arrived home yesterday from Joplin, Mo. He will leave in a few days for Texas and Colorado.

NEWS IN CUBA

A Spanish Soldier Stabbed Christmas Night.

ALL READY FOR THE CHANGE

Anxious to Take Possession in January—Preparation for Fetes—Public Houses to Close—Whittier's Opinion of Aguinaldo.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—A Spanish soldier was stabbed and killed in Zulueta Sunday evening. It is believed that the assassin was a negro bandit and the number of the Navegates, a gang which was sent to the penal colony of Cuba three years ago by Weyler because of lawlessness, and a few months ago released and brought back to Cuba for re-education of Blanco.

General Arocas has resigned the post of military governor of Havana.

The American commission today issued a proclamation announcing the arrival at by the joint Spanish and American commission regarding the formal surrender of Spain.

The proclamation asks the people to keep order, to respect the rights of the Spanish and to abstain from public demonstrations which may break the peace.

The fetes for which preparation has been made by the Junta Patriotica, to take place on January 2, will probably not be held, because of fear of trouble.

General Landow will close the public houses, cafes, etc., the first Sunday after the arrival of the commission.

He has not as yet decided about permitting the continuation of public demonstrations, but will await the decision of General Brooke and the commission.

Lieutenant General Closs, secretary of the American commission, said that General Brooke would decide the matter, but that the advice of the commission to him would be to not allow a public procession.

Saturday night about 3000 Cubans held a demonstration in front of the station Trocha, the headquarters of the American commission at Vedado, and repeatedly cheered the commissioners.

General Wade, through the interpretation of Captain Hart, thanked them for the compliment, but advised them to keep order. They remained in the vicinity throughout the night, parading the streets and shouting "Viva McKinley," but committed no acts of disorder.

A petition addressed to the president of the United States has been signed by bankers, merchants and others, asking that General Butler be appointed governor general of the island.

WHITTIER ON MANILA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Brig. Gen. U. A. Whittier, who went to Manila as an inspector general on the staff of General Merritt, returned to New York Sunday on the steamer St. Louis, with the peace commission. He took part in all the land fighting around Manila, and when peace was restored he was put in charge of the collection of customs at Manila.

Between August 20, when I took command and October 31, when I was ordered to report to the peace commission at Paris," said General Whittier, "the report of Manila yielded customs duties amounting to 1,000,000. This is the idea of what the customs revenue would be during the 40 days of the ordinary pursuits of the island."

The value and commercial advantage of the Philippines, properly administered, are very great to any country that will develop them.

"The Filipinos are a well informed, peace-loving, thrifty and obedient people. What they want most is a government that will allow them to attend to their own business. If they could but in peace and quiet they would welcome the new government."

A pueblo comes nearer to being a man than any other man of 29 years I ever knew. As we consider him he is a mere boy. Yet he has done wonders in fighting the Spaniards."

Donaldson Funeral.

The funeral of the late E. B. Donaldson was held at 2 o'clock Saturday

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THE NEWS.

Bits of Information Culled from the Press Dispatches.

Miss Effie Buck, a plucky school teacher at Kansas City, captured a footpad Saturday evening. The negro had stolen her pocketbook and Christmas presents. She gave chase, caught the fellow and held on until assistance arrived.

Governor Tanner, who is still confined to his bed by illness, is reported considerably better today. It will be several days before he will be able to reach his office.

On Christmas day President and Mrs. McKinley entertained friends from Ohio at dinner. The family attended services at the Metropolitan church.

Don Carlos declares that he will not abdicate. What?

Major General Merritt and bride have arrived in Chicago.

In Chicago Sunday night at the home of Elmer Olsen a Christmas tree was destroyed by fire, together with \$800 in bills, which was a gift to pay a mortgage on a farm.

OBITUARY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Dr. John B. Hamilton, ex-surgeon general of the United States marine hospital service, died in Elgin, Ill., Saturday night.

For over a year he has been superintendent of the state asylum for insane at Elgin. While on a visit in the east two weeks ago Dr. Hamilton was attacked by a severe cold and in a few days peritonitis developed. December 18 it was decided by Dr. Sem that an operation was necessary to save the patient's life. The operation was performed and at its conclusion Dr. Sem stated his opinion Dr. Hamilton had no chance of recovery.

The Mexican dog has no hair. There is also a hairless Chinese dog.

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BIG DEALS.

Millions of Dollars Involved in Transfer of Property.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Dec. 26.—An offer has been made for the purchase by unnamed parties of the big Cleveland Rolling Mill Co. Action is to be taken next month and it is believed the offer will be accepted. The plant is among the largest in the country.

CANAL DOVER, OHIO, Dec. 26.—The plant of Reeve Con Co., employed in the manufacture of plates for tinning, has been sold to the American tin trust. Negotiations are also pending for the sale of the tinning plant.

SECRETARY LYTL

A Decatur Men Chosen for 'Odd Fellows Old Folks' Home.

MATTOON, ILL., Dec. 26.—The trustees of the I. O. O. F. Old Folks' Home have accepted the completed building erected by the contractors, Ballard & Cope. At the meeting held in this city with C. F. Mansfield, C. M. Lytle, W. R. Jewell and Henry

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DINNER FOR POOR

Many Hungry Children
Enjoy a Hearty Meal.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Served Turkey and Other Good
Things to All Who Would Eat
—Many Flocked to
the Barracks.

At their barracks on Merchant street today the members of the local corps of the Salvation Army gave a free dinner to the poor children of the city. It has for a number of years past been the custom of the army to give a dinner at Christmas time.

Long tables were arranged in the army hall so that 50 children could be seated at a time. Altogether over 100 poor children were given an excellent dinner. The bill of fare consisted of turkey, chicken, roast meat, cabbage, potatoes, pickles, coffee, milk, pies, fruits and candy. Ensign Kierstead was assisted by 10 or 12 members of the army. The children were given all they could eat and for once in their life were given a square meal if they never had one before.

It was the intention of the army to serve dinner as long as the children would eat and if there are any provisions left over they will be taken to the most needy families of the city.

The members of the Army were assisted in giving the dinner by the liberal contributions from the public. A canvass was made in the residence district of the city and almost everyone who was asked made liberal donations.

A CHRISTMAS FIRE

Chilian Minister Burned Out at
Washington City.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Fire which broke out shortly after 7 o'clock Sunday partly destroyed the house occupied at Connecticut avenue and N street by the Chilian minister. The roof and top story were destroyed and the furniture of the whole house ruined by smoke and water, entailing a loss of \$10,000. The minister and his family escaped owing to the energy and coolness of the 12 year old son Carlos, but the flames made such headway that the inmates were unable to secure clothing and were compelled to hurry out in their night robes.

All took refuge for a time in the British embassy, just across the street, where they were cared for by Lady Pannecote and her daughters. Two maid servants were overcome with fright and had to be taken from the house. The governess, Signorina Manfredi, received a bad fall in climbing up stairs in an attempt to secure clothing for Madame Vienna.

The fire was caused by an overheated stove. The house was formerly occupied by Senator Mendonca, the Brazilian minister.

JUST LIKE BRYAN

Weyler Thinks His Country is Great-
ly in Need of Him.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "Senator Sagasta's illness has brought to a standstill the political crisis and the negotiations for the reorganization of the liberal party. Many liberals are opposed to General Weyler's becoming minister of war, because they fear he will aspire to succeed Sagasta as leader of the party."

"El Liberal publishes an interview with Weyler, in the course of which he is represented as declining to give any information regarding the crisis, but as insisting upon the necessity for a strong government. Such a government could not, he said, be drawn from a party led by Senator Silveira. General Weyler hinted that the country would run great risks unless power were placed in the hands of a Sagasta-Weyler coalition government."

HUNG HIMSELF

Suicide of an Unknown Man in San-
mon County.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 26.—A telephone message was received here yesterday to the effect that an unidentified stranger had committed suicide near Chatham. The deed was committed in a barn three miles east of that place, on the Jones farm, supposedly some time Saturday night. A hay carrier in a hay barn had been used as the improvised scaffold and from this the unfortunate man had swung himself to death.

When the body was discovered it

was extinct. No one in the neighborhood was able to identify the remains and no one was found who had seen the man before. He was middle aged, of medium build and had a sandy mustache. He wore black trousers, a black overcoat, stiff hat and overshoes.

Coroner Baer was notified of the suicide and he went to Chatham on an evening train to hold an inquest.

THE OLD WAY

How New Year's Will be Observed in
New York.

NEW YORK, December 25.—The New Year call right up to date is the call which was fashionable a long time ago—the good old hospital call when your men friends dropped in to wish you a happy New Year.

The ladies of the family are dressed to "receive" after 11 o'clock in the morning, and from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m., there is a handshake for all.

A page or a little maid sits in the front hallway to open the door before the caller has had time to ring. The receiving party consists of the chap-eron and the young ladies of the family—one of whom conducts the caller to the table in the rear drawing room, where there is served a simple feast, to show the good cheer of the household.

It is a little old fashioned, but the oldest member of the family will be able to supply all details from the reminiscences of her youth.

NEW YEAR DINNER PARTY.

Bouillon.
Roast Turkey. Cranberry Sauce.
Celery. Mashed Potatoes.
Asparagus. New Peas.
Chicken Salad.
Plum Pudding. Roman Punch.
Cake. Ice Cream.
Coffee. Fruits and Nuts.

LOOTED A BANK

\$25,000 to \$50,000 Stolen at Lima,
Ohio.

LIMA, OHIO, Dec. 26.—A mysterious robbery occurred at the American National bank some time since Saturday afternoon, when the doors were closed. The janitor this morning discovered the vault doors open. When the inner doors were opened it was found that all of the gold and paper money had been carried away, the silver being untouched. The vault showed no marks of violence. The amount taken is estimated at \$25,000 to \$50,000.

AFTER A FORTUNE

Washington Physician One of the
Heirs of a Million Dollar Estate.

TACOMA, WASH., Dec. 26.—Dr. C. H. Read of Portland, Ore., is on the way to Princeton, Ill., where he has been summoned to take part in the partition of a \$1,000,000 estate left by C. H. Read, a state senator and railroad builder. Dr. Read left Illinois 25 years ago, coming overland to Oregon. Several months ago friends called his attention to an advertisement in a Princeton paper asking the whereabouts of the heirs of C. H. Read. Dr. Read established his identity and relationship and in October received a large sum of money and a notification to be present January 1, when the final partition will be made. Dr. Read's share is about \$100,000.

Lost Their Money.

Two Italians called at police headquarters today and complained of having lost their pocketbook containing \$42.50. They had been at the establishment of Bauman Joe and made some purchases. They claimed that they left the pocketbook in Joe's place and when they went back to get it the book was not there. Officer Williamson investigated the matter and Bauman Joe claimed that he had never seen the pocketbook, so nothing could be done.

Exercises Today.

The members of both the First Methodist and First Presbyterian Sunday schools held their exercises this afternoon for the children. This evening there will be entertainments at the Cumberland Presbyterian, First Baptist, Christian tabernacle and Edward Street Christian churches and College street chapel.

With the Sick.

Mrs. I. D. Cramer of North Main street is ill of lung fever.
B. F. Ross of Forsyth, a brother of A. F. Ross of this city, is dangerously ill.
Mrs. A. D. Hughes of the northeast part of the city is ill.
George Flint is able to be up and around the house.
H. P. Dougherty is better.
Mr. and Mrs. G. N. McCortay of North Pine street are confined to their home with a severe attack of the grip.

THE NEGRO IN WAR.

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Them to Be Good
Soldiers.

What doubt there may have lurked concerning the qualities of the American negro as a fighting soldier had been swept away by the magnificent conduct of all the colored troops, infantry and cavalry, when led into fire by their white officers. The quality of the leadership may be inferred from the heavy proportion of losses among the officers. The gallant Twenty-fourth alone lost 40 per cent. of its officers in the charge on El Caney. The losses among the men were almost equally heavy. This was the same regiment which afterward furnished 80 volunteer nurses for the yellow fever hospital at Siboney, and when 55 of these had been stricken down replaced them by 55 more.

How these same troops would have behaved without the inspiration of their white leaders must remain an open question. As an experiment, I fancy, it would be scarcely worth trying.

Those who insist that the fights of those days were soldiers' battles, meaning battles in which strategy and leadership counted for little, must give the colored soldiers their due in the achievement of victory. One of the Englishmen serving with us, I recollect, who had watched the conduct of our black troops with professional curiosity, reached the conclusion that they were just as good as some of the best native regiments in India, and commented on the fact that these troops invariably do better when led, in part at least, by officers of their own color and blood.

Our colored soldiery certainly contained many men who showed themselves possessed of the first and most important instinct of leadership. I recall the feat of one negro—a color sergeant of the Tenth cavalry, I believe, in the charge on San Juan Hill he carried the guidon of his troops, and was ordered by his captain to keep near him, holding the guidon aloft, where it would be well in view. From that time on the captain and all the following troops found it hard to keep up with their guidon, plunging ahead through the high spear grass, up the steep hill, straight for the pitiless Spanish fire from the hilltops. When the old sergeant reached the crest of the hill, together with the rest of the rough riders, he waved his tattered red and white guidon aloft as an encouragement to his fellow-troopers, and he stood there with his little flag, his figure clearly silhouetted on the ridge, until the inevitable happened, and he fell wounded twice. For this act of conspicuous gallantry this particular colored soldier was recommended by his superiors for an honorable mention. Had he been one of us, he would have been promoted to a lieutenantancy on the spot.—Collier's Weekly.

THE TRAGEDY OF AN EMPIRE.

True Story of the Downfall and Dis-
graceful Death of Prince Ru-
dolph of Austria.

The carnival was at its height in gay Vienna. The noisy masqueraders were returning from their revelries, and were making the old city ring with shouts and laughter. The sun was struggling through the mists of the January morning, but almost before it had risen high enough to touch the golden cross of St. Stephen's cathedral all Vienna knew that there would be no more dancing during that carnival. The word had gone round that the crown prince was dead; murdered, some declared—fallen in a duel, others conjectured—accidentally killed, said the papers.

Six years prior to this unhappy night Crown Prince Rudolph was forced by the circumstances of his station to marry Stephanie, the daughter of the king of Belgium, whom he did not love, while his heart was given to Baroness Vetsera, the most beautiful woman in Vienna. What her character was I do not pretend to know, but the favor of a crown prince is enough to turn the head of almost any Austrian woman, particularly if she has been reared in Vienna, under the demoralizing influence of its court. His disappointment drove him to dissipation; the crown princess wept and scolded; the city was scandalized, and the emperor had to seek a way out of the difficulty. Count Heyss, an officer in the Austrian army, and one of the numerous admirers of the young baroness, was promised promotion in the army and the assistance of the emperor if he would gain her consent to marry him. This the count succeeded in doing. Then came the end. The count and his fiancée were invited to spend the evening of January 30, 1889, with the crown prince, in his hunting lodge at Meyerling. Wine flowed freely, and the hours were full of mirth. But suddenly, without warning, Rudolph drew a revolver, shot the count, then the baroness, and at last drove a bullet through his own heart.—Edward A. Steiner, in Western Home Companion.

Britons Who Do Not Speak English.
It is not generally realized what an immense number of Britons born and bred at home have never succeeded in mastering the national language. In Wales there are no fewer than 500,000 people who cannot speak English, Welsh being their only language. In Scotland there are 43,738 persons who can speak nothing but Gaelic. And, in Ireland, there are 32,321 who can express themselves only in the Irish tongue.—Chicago Tribune.

Why They Quarreled.
Mr. Newlywed (reading)—Nobody ever yet saw a dead mule.
Mr. Newlywed (who is thinking of something else and not listening)—Don't you think your life insurance premiums are a waste of money, John? —Boston Journal.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Born.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sliver on Monday December 26, a daughter.
It is estimated that more than 10,000,000 oil lamps are lit nightly in America.

BRADLEY BROS.

An Umbrella Bargain!

We have placed on sale 250 choice Silk Umbrellas—26-28 inch, Taffeta Silk, steel rods, Paragon Frame, silk case and tassel—with the very choicest handles; Long Pearl Handles with sterling silver trimmings, burned ivory handles with sterling silver trimmings; Dresden balls and post with gold and silver trimming, French horn handles, new patterns.

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Another good lot to sell at \$1.00. This time we think we have enough to go around. A regular \$1.50 quality. The ideal clasp, fine quality kid, embroidered backs, Oxbloods, Blues, Modes, Tans, Browns, Green, Black, White, Cream.

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The celebrated Jouvin Gloves in all the New Winter Shades, for street and evening wear.

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Standard of Measurements.
A curious experiment was recently made to determine whether a lost standard could be recovered by purely personal efforts. The assumption was made that the standard of length was lost. One hundred operatives and others accustomed to dealing with measurements were asked to give by estimate their ideas of what the given standard was—in other words, to guess at the length of the meter. It was found that the guesses were most accurate for lengths of about six inches—that small lengths were underestimated and larger ones were overestimated. Taking the average of the 100 subjects, the result varied but a few one-thousandths from the truth.—Youth's Companion.

The Penalty of Reform.
Tau Sau-Lung, who was seized and beheaded, together with five other prominent members of the reform party, may be regarded as near a hero in China is likely to produce. He had ample time to escape, but refused to fly from the wrath to come, remarking that he wished to meet his death as a "Hao Hantzu" (a good son of Han). "What does it matter," he said, "if a few of us die? In all western countries blood has flowed like water in the cause of reform. Let my blood be the first shed in the great cause."—China Gazette.

Her Spells.
Little Elmer—Sister Sue has sinkin' spells party often now.
Mr. Spoonleigh—Why, what do you mean?
"She says whenever any company comes when you're here she always feels like sinkin' through the floor, and somebody's come the last four times you've been here."—Chicago Evening News.

Before and After.
Young Mrs. Styles—Men are so different after marriage!
Miss Singleton—So I've heard; but why do you say it now?
"Why, at my request Charles willingly gave up going to the war; but, if you'll believe it, he shows no inclination to give up his club for my sake."—Boston Transcript.

Under Two Flags.
He was a soldier of fortune and a prisoner of war.
"Come," they said, "sign the parole!" But he only shook his head.
"Never!" he said, proudly, "but I've no objections to signing the pay roll."
No, he wasn't in the war business for sanitary reasons.—N. Y. Journal.

A Confidence Man.
"Why do you call Jimpson a confidence man?"
"Because he's always taking people aside and telling them his private affairs under pledge of secrecy."—N. Y. Journal.

Princes Common in Russia.
A "prince" in Russia is as commonplace as a plain "Mr." in England or the United States, and it denotes just about as much social rank.—Philadelphia Press.

A Plain Case of Suicide.
Mrs. Love—Harry Homeworth's death seems to have been very mysterious.
Mr. Love—Tantamount to suicide. He insisted on taking his medicine by his wife's watch.—Jewelers' Weekly.

Costly Ram.
A ram has just changed hands in Australia at 1,000 guineas.
The United States contains 35,467 drug stores.

We Sell Christmas Presents too

We show the largest line of Pocket Cutlery in Central Illinois—over 200 different patterns to select from, varying in price from 10c to \$4.00. Quality guaranteed.

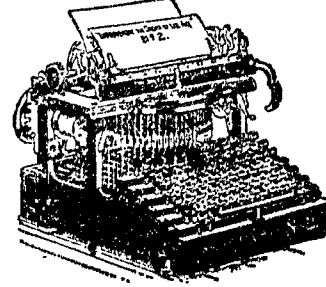
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LOCAL NEWS.

Live Cameras, Opera House Drug Co.
Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.

Arnold's Bromo-Colony cure head
aches. 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.

Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on
any goods. Collateral, best rates.
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You pay a little more for the clothes
that Denz makes but—

Hand Mirrors, Opera House Drug Co.
It is much easier to be critical than
to be correct.—Dissuasi.

Picture Frames 10 cents and up.
Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22-21w

California fruits at Glossner's, 118
East Prairie.

The son and daughter of Congress-
man B. F. Caldwell are to give a
Christmas dance at the Leland at
Springfield tonight to which a num-
ber of the Decatur friends of the fam-
ily are invited.

Why send your money out of town
when we take your subscriptions at
publishers' prices.

L. CHODAY'S NEWS HOUSE.

R. T. McDonald, president of the
Fort Wayne (Ind.) Electric corpora-
tion, died in Dallas, Texas, Saturday.
He was widely known as a promoter
and capitalist, and made his home at
Fort Wayne, Ind. He sold Decatur
the equipment for the city lighting
plant, some years ago.

New term in dancing begins Mon-
day night Dec. 26 at the armory.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First
M. E. church will hold an informal
"at home" at the parsonage on West
Main street on Friday afternoon from
3 to 6 o'clock.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and
Diarrhea Remedy can always be de-
pendent upon and is pleasant and safe to
take. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shil-
ling.

In regard to the report that Frank
Smalleywood, the only son of Joseph
Smalleywood, would contest the will,
those interested are non-committal.
David Hutchinson, the attorney for
Frank Smalleywood, said today that he
was not prepared to make any state-
ment in regard to the matter.

Remarkable Rescue.
Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill.,
makes the statement, that she caught
cold, which settled on her lungs; she
was treated for a month by her family
physician, but grew worse. He told her
she was a hopeless victim of consump-
tion and that no medicine could cure
her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's
New Discovery for Consumption; she
bought a bottle and to her delight
found herself benefited from first dose.
She continued its use and after six bot-
tles, found herself sound and well; now
does her own housework, and is as well
as she ever was. Trial bottles 10c, of
this Great Discovery at J. E. King's
and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores. Large
bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

Five Per Cent Money.
We have on hand a special fund to
loan on first class real estate security
at 5 per cent interest. Call at once.
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For Sale.
The stock and fixtures of the Bee
Hive Grocery Store, situated at 601
North Water street. For further par-
ticulars call on or address Wm. A.
Holman, assignee, 104 East Prairie
Ave., Decatur, Ill.

Christmas Gifts.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Doty of
907 East Orchard street, on Christmas
day, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jone Wine-
garner of Harriestown township, on
Christmas day at noon, a daughter.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
The Best Salve in the world for Cuts,
Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum,
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Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions,
and positively cures Piles, or no pay re-
quired. It is guaranteed to give perfect
satisfaction, or money refunded. Price
25 cents per box. For sale by J. E.
King and C. F. Shilling.

For Hoarseness.
Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says
he had not spoken above a whisper for
months, and one bottle of Foley's
Honey and Tar restored his voice. It
is used very largely by speakers and
singers. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W.
H. Hubbard.

A Big Game.
The members of the Dewey and the
Whole Thing bowling team of the
postoffice force will play a match
game on Tuesday or Wednesday eve-
ning at the Floyd's alley. It will be
one of the biggest games of the sea-
son.

GRIPPE

Grippe and influenza invariably leave
the system with a bad cough. For
such Dr. John W. Bull's Cough Syrup
is highly recommended. This won-
derful remedy gives relief at once,
conquers the worst cough overnight
and soon effects a thorough cure.

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CHRISTMAS TREAT

For the Children at the
Churches.

MUSIC, CANDIES AND FRUITS

Happy Hours for the Officers and
Members of the Sabbath
Schools of the City—
More To-Night.

Elaborate music and beautiful floral
decorations were the main features of
the church services on Sunday. All
of the church held special services and
there were exercises of some kind for
the young people. The attendance at
all of the houses of worship was large
as on Christmas day the churches are
visited by many who do not attend on
other occasions.

The programs for the different
church services and children's exer-
cises as printed in this paper on Sat-
urday were all carried out. It was a
great day for the children and they
were all made happy by presents,
Christmas trees and candy. A num-
ber of the Sunday schools will hold
exercises this evening.

At the Cumberland Presbyterian
church Sunday morning there was a
special musical program by the choir
under the leadership of Mrs. M. K.
Logan.

In addition to the regular services,
at the First Methodist church Sunday
morning there was a special musical
program.

The services at St. John's Episcopal
church Sunday morning were an elab-
orate nature. Miss Henrietta
Cord was the soloist at the morning
service and George Dunston at the
evening service.

Special services were held at Grace
Methodist church Sunday morning
and in the evening there was an enter-
tainment for the Sunday school chil-
dren. The sacred cantata "The Com-
ing of the King," was presented and
each child presented with a box of
candy and an orange. There were
four Christmas trees in the church.

The children of St. Paul's German
Lutheran church held their entertain-
ment on Sunday evening. There was
a Christmas tree and presents for all.

At the Edward Street Christian
church there were special services on
Sunday morning and the children of
the Sunday school brought donations
for the Orphans' Home at St. Louis.

An elaborate musical program was
given at the First Presbyterian church
at the morning service on Sunday. D.
L. Bunn sang a solo.
The choir at the First Baptist
church rendered special music Sunday
and a solo was given by Mrs. Spauld-
ing.

The children at St. Johannes' Ger-
man Lutheran church enjoyed Christ-
mas festivities on Saturday evening.
Fully 500 children were present.
There was a big Christmas tree and
songs and recitations were given by
the children and Rev. Heyne made a
short address and presented the chil-
dren with gifts.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

The attendance at St. Patrick's
Catholic church on Sunday was un-
usually large. There was high mass
at 5 o'clock in the morning when
Father Murphy acted as celebrant.
There was low mass at 8 o'clock and
solomon high mass at 10:30 o'clock.
Father Kelly officiating. The music
was elaborate and the church was
beautifully decorated. There was a
representation of the infant Christ in
the manger. Sunday afternoon the
children's exercises were held.

At St. James' German Catholic
church the pastor, Father Teppie, con-
ducted special Christmas services.
There were three services, all of
which were largely attended. The sis-
ters who teach the school had charge
of decorating the church. One of the
features was the image of Christ in
the manger. Special music was ren-
dered.

ENGLISH LUTHERAN.

The following Christmas program
will be observed tonight:
Antiphon by Choir.
Opening Services.
Scripture Lesson, Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke
2:15-20.

Prayer by the Pastor.

"The Beautiful Story"—Ella Aus-
tin.

"Merry Christmas Bells"—Infant
Class.

Reading—Minnie Susens.

Duet—Zelma Nasse and Clara Walms-
ley.

Exercises by Sunday School Class.

Solo—Leona Jones.

Recitation, "Christmas"—Corra
Deck.

"Ring Sweet Bells"—Infant Class.

Hymn.

Address—Rev. H. A. W. Yung.

Hymn.

Distribution of Gifts.

Lord's Prayer.

Doxology.

A VISIT TO SANTA CLAUS' HOME.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Sun-
day school will visit Santa Claus in
their cantata to be given at the church
this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.
The preparation has been under the
charge of Misses Carrie Record and
Myrtle Etheridge and Charles Record.
Mrs. Charles Logan will be the ac-
companied. Everybody invited. Every-
thing free.

The characters are as follows: Santa
Claus, Frost Queen, Snow Flake, Mr.
Vim, the superintendent, Mr. Wait
the assistant superintendent, Mr.
Scribbler secretary, Dick Redhead,
Bossie, Blanche, Gertrude, Elsie,
Clara, Evaline and Percy, with a
chorus of 30 voices.

CHRISTMAS SERMON.

On Sunday morning at the First M.
E. church the pastor, Rev. Forest Craft
told of "The Angel Song." He said
in part:

"Of all the grand music ever writ-
ten this song of the angels which an-
nounced the birth of Christ is by far
the grandest. It has descended with
its everlasting beauty of significance
through the centuries and remains
high and clear above all others, the
song of songs. It was a song of praise
to Almighty God for his generous gift
to men. The angels that had dwelt
myriads of years in his presence had
beheld countless manifestations of his
goodness but this spectacle of the babe
of Bethlehem was a new exhibition
of character. His love as manifested
in this act was something deeper than
they had witnessed before and they
touched their harps with a richer
strain and awoke such a mighty
chorus of praise as to be heard on the
earth.

"The gift of Christ was one of
God's mighty acts, a culminating
deed; no sudden or capricious impulse
but something that had been talked of
in heaven for at least 1000 years. In
this we see God's revelation of him-
self.

"It was a song of joy for the good
brought to men and a song of praise
to God for the manifestation of his
love. There may be songs of joy that
are not songs of praise and songs of
praise that are not songs of joy. We
may sing songs of praise while our
hearts are oppressed and songs of joy
in which there is no praise but this
was a song of gladness, of great joy
and of praise to the giver of this great
gift. The angels sang 'Glory to God
in the Highest' and then 'Peace on
Earth Good Will Toward Men.'

"If the angels were glad that men
were so favored how much more
should we who are the recipients of
this wonderful gift, this great bless-
ing, be glad for this act that has
brought joy for us and to ours. The
gift has been of untold value in tem-
poral things. The world is different,
childhood, womanhood is consecrated,
the poor have been blessed, Christ
was poor, the governments, laws,
rulers changed, the cheering light has
come to the spiritual darkness of the
race, we have found the true God,
the song has drifted down, down,
down, through the ages and we sing
it today with all its depth of mean-
ing, its fuller strains, its beauty of
significance and its gladness.

"It is a song of unselfishness. If
the angels rejoice that salvation is
brought to us how greatly we should
rejoice that salvation is brought to
our fellowmen. It was a song of
prophecy. It seemed to contemplate
the work of salvation as completed. It
was a song of triumph. Yet in the
point of fact victory was not won.
From the cradle to the grave was a
long struggle and between that cradle
and the triumph there was a whole
life of suffering. The notes of the
final triumph are there and the angels
with prophetic vision swept the harps
and in their gladness sang the praise
and glory that has touched our hearts
today and made holy its significance."

Beat His Wife.

Theodore Smith, living at No. 1125
East North street, was arrested last
night for beating his wife. He was
drunk when he went home and mis-
treated his wife so that she was forced
to call upon the neighbors to summon
the police. Officer Glasgow was sent
out with the patrol wagon and Smith
was brought to headquarters and
locked in the city prison. Mrs. Smith
promised to swear out a warrant
against her husband.

Sabbath School Officers.

The following are the officers of the
First Presbyterian Sunday school for
1899:

Superintendent—A. H. Mills
Assistant Superintendents—Mrs.
Hattie J. Brown, George E. Knight,
T. C. McIntire

Superintendent Intermediate Depart-
ment—Miss Lillie Chudsey.

Assistant Superintendent Intermediate
Department—Miss Margaret Rob-
erts.

Superintendent Primary Department
—Mrs. R. J. Simpson.

Secretary—R. J. Simpson
Assistant Secretaries—Mrs. E. A.
West, A. S. Dumont, W. E. Briggs

James S. Baldwin, Edgar Alexander
Secretary Intermediate Department
—G. J. Pennington

Secretary Primary Department—
Miss Lillie Shaffer.

Treasurer—E. A. West.

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LaGrippe is Prevalent.

There are a great many cases of the
grip in the city and a number of
catastrophic fever, the latter being
prevalent among the children. Decatur
has been singularly free from recent
illness so far this winter with the ex-
ception of the few severe cases of scar-
let fever, but the physicians are mak-
ing up now for any time lost. The
grip seems to have struck the city and
country with a full sweep and there
are very few families which have not
at least one case.

Madmen are saints in Morocco.

PERSONAL.

--Roy Samner visited over Christ-
mas with friends at Edwardsville.

--Charlotte Nelson is home from
Vassar for a two week's vacation.

--Ed Deetz of St. Louis is visiting
in the city.

--Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Childs of War-
rensburg spent Sunday with Mr. and
Mrs. J. S. Childs.

--Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyd of
Omaha, Neb., are in the city visiting
relatives.

--Misses Marie and Jeannette Powers
left today for Springfield on a visit to
friends.

--Charles Steele spent Christmas at
Belleville with his sister, Mrs. Wange-
lin.

--E. D. Bartholomew and son,
Earl, of St. Louis, are in the city for
a holiday visit.

--Eber Lettingwell of Peoria was the
guest of the family of Joe Dawson of
West Prairie street on Sunday.

--G. B. Sanford, formerly of the
Walsh of this city, now of Chicago,
is the guest of Decatur friends.

--Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Summers of
Weldon are the guests of Mrs. Sum-
mers' parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. M.
Drew.

--Clarence Virgil, who has been at-
tending the Iowa Dental College, from
the city to spend Christmas with
friends.

--Miss Kate Whitley left today for
a visit with Mrs. Hanna Ward at
Holds, Mo. and from there will go
to Monticello, Mo., a visit with her
father.

--H. R. Amitt is spending the hol-
idays with Mrs. Amitt, who is the
daughter of her mother, Mrs. M. A.
Augustine. Mr. and Mrs. Amitt will
leave January 1 for a trip through the
south.

--Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyd and
son, Frank, Jr., of Omaha, Neb., are
the guests of Mr. Boyd's mother, Mrs.
Mary Boyd, and Mrs. Boyd's grand
parents, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Mont-
gomery.

Misses Will Morris and Leslie
Williams of the elevator service in the
Milkman building, desire to thank the
tenants of the building for the Christ-
mas remembrance of which they were
the recipients on Saturday evening.

SPARROW HUNTERS

Caused the Patrol Wagon to be Called
to the West End of the City.

Sunday night a call came to the po-
lice headquarters announcing that a
man was climbing up the porch at
the residence of H. H. Clark on West
William street, near the corner of
Monroe street. It was believed that
the man was a burglar and was trying
to gain an entrance to the house. The
patrol wagon was sent out but no
burglars were found. The supposed
burglar was nothing more than one of
the small boys of the neighborhood
hunting sparrows. The boys have been
in the habit of hunting in the eaves
of the porches at night and catching
the sparrows while they are at roost.

CARDS OUT.

McFarland-Tuttle Wedding Will Oc-
cur on January 11.

Invitations have been issued to the
marriage of Mary Abbott Tuttle and
George Wilkinson McFarland on Wed-
nesday, January 11, at 12 o'clock noon
at the St. John's church. Breakfast
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Curtis at 14 West Main street from 1
to 1 o'clock. At home Monday in
March.

Dedication at Chicago.

State Representative J. M. Gray has
received an invitation to the dedi-
catory services of the handsome new
hall just completed at Michigan
avenue and Randolph streets, Chi-
cago, by the Grand Army of the Re-
public and Memorial association. The
dedication will take place on Thurs-
day, December 29. Special invitations
have been issued to the members of
the legislature, leading attorneys,
clergymen, etc., of the state for the ex-
ercise at 2 in the afternoon. The pub-
lic is invited at 7:30 in the evening.
It will be one of the most elaborate
affairs Chicago has witnessed for some
time.

Clark's Decatur Soap.

The Republican is under obligations
to Mr. H. H. Clark, proprietor and
manager of the Decatur Limited Oil
Mill and Palmolive Soap Works, for a
careful Christmas remembrance. The
gift was a big box of Decatur
made soap from the Clark Palmolive
works, embracing the following popu-
lar brands: Floating Bath, White
Castile, Pamolin, Palmolive Laundry,
Mechanics' Delight, Palmolive Tar,
Yucca, Decatur soap is all right and
the demand for Mr. Clark's products
is constantly increasing.

LaGrippe is Prevalent.

There are a great many cases of the
grip in the city and a number of
catastrophic fever, the latter being
prevalent among the children. Decatur
has been singularly free from recent
illness so far this winter with the ex-
ception of the few severe cases of scar-
let fever, but the physicians are mak-
ing up now for any time lost. The
grip seems to have struck the city and
country with a full sweep and there
are very few families which have not
at least one case.

Madmen are saints in Morocco.

IN THE ELECTRICAL WORLD.

It is said that the electric cable in New York city did a record business during the blizzard and proved their entire efficiency.

According to the Electrical Review Prof. Henry A. Rowland, the distinguished physicist of Johns Hopkins university, believes he has perfected a 12-megawatt telegraphic system—a decided advance on the quadruplex—so universally used.

According to a recent compilation, Germany has 711 miles of electric railways, equal to those of all the rest of Europe together. England is credited with only 98 miles. Most of the larger towns of Germany have electric lines, and the whole system of Berlin will by the year 1901 be converted to electricity.

A press dispatch from Little Rock, Ark., says that an extraordinary long-distance telephone test has been made by Charles J. Glidden, president of the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone company. Mr. Glidden held a distinct and clear conversation over the wire with Frederick A. Farmer, of the firm of Poor & Greenough, Boston. The distance from Little Rock is 1,900 miles. Mr. Glidden says this is the longest circuit in the world.

An important discovery which may revolutionize lighting by electricity has just been made. This is incandescence in air. An aluminum tube three-twelfths of a millimeter receives the current through two small platinum wires, the tube becoming effulgent on the passage of the current. No glass bulbs are needed, and the light, it is claimed is much more efficient, while the cost of manufacture is appreciably less.

There has just been brought forward a portable electric safety lamp for use in special cases when an open flame, or even one safeguarded, as in the miner's lamp, would prove dangerous. The combination consists of a dry battery, arranged to be carried in a holder at the belt, or in the pocket, the battery being controlled by a small rheostat, maintaining an even supply of current to the lamp and allowing it to burn with the same brilliancy during the life of the battery.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Some men can't understand why the foolkiller doesn't call next door.

A tailor is sometimes able to mend everything but his ways.

A man is apt to drink mineral water when he feels rocky.

In politics and courtship a third party is usually undesirable.

It's probably the loudness of his apparel that makes the howling swell.

It's unlucky to have your affairs at sixes and sevens—they make thirteen.

It isn't vanity that makes a man go out between the acts and look in the glass.

The tongue is about the only muzzle-loading weapon that hasn't been discarded.

Poets often affect carelessness in their garments for the same reason that tramps travel in freight cars.

The better half of the family never knows quite as much about how the other half lives as she would like to know.

Great wit may be akin to madness, but the relationship isn't to be compared to the madness of the small wit whose contribution is "declined with thanks."—Chicago Daily News.

IN THE CHURCHES.

There are 80,000 native Christians in China, and over 70,000 in Japan.

The total membership of the Universalist church is \$1,247, a net gain of 603 in the last year.

There are 750,000 Africans in Protestant churches and 140,000 children in Protestant schools in Africa.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church supports 700 Bible women in foreign fields.

There was a gain of \$24,703 in the receipts of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ for the past year, the amount being \$130,925.

The Clarendon Street Baptist church of Boston has a Chinese Sunday school whose average attendance is 200. This school supports two native missionaries in China.

AT THE RETAIL STORES.

Petticoats of mixed silk poplin. Gaufréd chiffon with ribbon stripes. Cushion tops of satin embroidered in gold.

Very large, wide white silk cravats for ladies' wear.

Checked and plaid silk and wool poplin for shirt waists.

Ribbon stocks with a small bow and long, pointed ends.

Black and white Liberty silk as boas, wide and narrow ruffling.

Bands of black velvet ribbon edged with ruffles of narrow white satin ribbon.

Puritan sleighing or evening hoods of velvet, with satin revers edged with fur.

—Dry Goods Economist.

LITTLE ODDS AND ENDS.

The first fire insurance company in America was established in Philadelphia in 1752.

The rivers in northern Russia were frozen this year before the end of October.

The salmon catch in the Columbia for 1893 was 6,019,022 pounds less than the year before.

This year Pennsylvania has bought 55,000 acres at tax sales to add to the forest reservation.

Several coal mines have been discovered in the Philippines, and Admiral Dewey is authority for the assertion that it is of good quality.

VERSES OF THE DAY.

Some New Year's Day.

Some New Year's day the bells shall ring across the frosty spaces,
And find us gone, with other folk in our familiar places,
While gray stones covered o'er with moss or snow of pallid whiteness,
Reflect from crystal rills with frost the winter moonlight's brightness.
We shall be dwelling far above earth's sorrow and regretting,
With heaven's mysterious radiance on transfigured faces shining.
So let us live that when shall come that sure-to-be tomorrow
True trust from earth—a nobly spent one—hopeful souls can glow.
The goodness born of noble deeds, from blessedness in heaven,
And learn from years we spent and used the grandeur great of living;
Earth-life is short but love is long—its happy sphere supreme—
Its brightness is a home in heaven and joyousness eternal.

Can backward looks at New Year's time along the years behind you,
Let every type of duty there of faithful record be,
All make mistakes, but those of time are fading fast and feeble;
Each one a fingerpost to warn against a wrong's enticings.
The cross-bearing humps of life's lessons learned and heeded—
To guard from giv'ing lies to come when vainings shall be needed.

New Year's, the mountain top from which we view the road behind us—
And roads ahead where coming years of good or ill may find us—
Look well each way as we descend to the valley smiling,
For on the wooded slopes between are lures and paths beguiling.
Lay out your course while touching Heaven's will, and the whole world's centering;
And let experience map the route, your feet from peril keeping.

Then shall each glad New Year become a season for rejoicing—
Each merry bit and happy heart deep joy and gladness voicing—
A season for good vows renewed which never shall be broken—
Each one a pledge of strength restored, a sacred seal, and token;
For good is God, life here but brief, while hope and love cease never,
But truth shall reign and true souls live forever and forever.

—L. HUGHAN JONES.

1893—Battle Year.

It passeth to join the other years,
The year that heard the bugle's stirring call;
The sound of marching soldiers' footsteps fall,
And soul-deep bursts of thrilling shouts and cheers!

It passeth on to join the other years,
The year that saw our sturdy banner fly above the island peoples far and high
Who carved its sunlight in their night of fear!

It passeth on to join the other years,
The sacred year of sacrifice and strife
Whose wondrous nights and days of rest and life,
Roomed fair in victory and peace at last.

It passeth on to join the other years,
The year of high empire and deathless deeds;
The year whose hand hath sowed the mighty seeds
Of widest truth, and gloried in the task!

It passeth on to greet the other years,
The year that heard the battle's swelling blue;
It passeth on with fame as bright and fair
As those of other days of blood and tears.

It passeth on to join the other years,
The year that heard the bugle's stirring call;
The sound of marching soldiers' footsteps fall,
And soul-deep bursts of thrilling shouts and cheers!

—Edward Wilbur Mason, in Leslie's Weekly.

Winter.

Yes, the summer is pretty, I know,
With her birds, and her flowers and trees,
When the meadows are filled with the glow
Of the sunshine or humming of bees.

Oh! it's fun in the bright days of fall
To shake the brown nuts from their pods,
When the mockingbirds whistle and call,
And the squirrels frisk in the woods.

And the springtime is beautiful, too,
When the flowers all wake from their sleep,
When the green of the grass is so new,
And the blue of the sky is so deep.

But old winter's the season for me,
With his breath so frosty and keen,
A fellow so jolly as he,
So merry, I never have seen.

He will pinch your cheeks till they're red
As any ripe apple, and then
He will snatch your hat from your head
And dare you to get it again.

When the dark has come, and the cold,
We'll cozy sit by the fire,
While wonderful stories are told,
Still piling the driftwood higher.

There is fun in the summer and spring,
There are jolly good times in the fall;
But the joys of the winter I sing,
For no life is the best of them all.

—Anthony E. Anderson, in Golden Days.

An Aversion.

I'd rather have a man come out
And tell his follies square,
Than go to talk 'round about
With an indigent air.

An' say: "Oh, yes, your friend'll cut
A wider swath than most."
He'll well above the average. But—
An' then you get the "roast."

I hate to see that man come 'round.
I wish that he'd be gone,
In everything he's and I've found
A sugar-coated pill.

An' after this, I'll let him strut
An' have his haughty say,
I'll listen till he gets to "But,"
An' then I'll run away.

—Washington Star.

On an Indian Basket.

I know not by whose patient hand
This basket, woven strand by strand
From pliant reeds and grasses fine,
Was shaped; nor whose the rare design—
True copy of the lightning's lance—
Involved its beauty to enhance.

But this I know; my heart's desire—
The large chisel-cut you admire—
May not be mine for some time hence.
"Tis marked "Twelve dollars, fifty cents!"
—J. Torrey Connor, in Overland.

My Own Heart.

My own heart is my oracle,
The priest am I, who come
To listen to its lighter words,
To wait, if it be dumb.

But when I learn and then am slow
To turn that word to deed,
Be patient, heart, nor cease to speak
Till I have strength to heed.

—Henry Johnson, in Youth's Companion.

Barrenness to the Bird.

Had I no revelation but thy voice—
No word but thine—
Still would my soul in certitude rejoice
That love divine
Thy heart, his hidden instrument employs
—John B. Tabb, in S. B. Times.

HUMOROUS.

"The vane on the church steeple says the wind is east." "Well, that is pretty high authority."—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

Trainer—"Hit him like a nail." Pugilist—"Like a nail?" Trainer—"Yes; on the head."—Syracuse Herald.

"And yet, I know," the actor cried,
But the gallery it rose on masses,
And didn't throw a thing.
—Detroit Journal.

"We are worried about Julia; she got out of a sick bed to go to the matinee." "How could she?" "She had to go; she had a ticket."—N. O. Times-Democrat.

A West Union woman called in the doctor to see her husband, not because he seemed sick, but because he didn't want to go to the circus.—West Union Gazette.

"I have never met," he said, "more than two really lovely women." "Ah!" she said, looking up innocently into his face, "who was the other?"—Chicago Journal.

The Day After.—Grogan—"I'm feeling terrible to-day." Borgan—"Congratulations, you, old boy. You must have had a pretty good dinner yesterday."—Boston Transcript.

A Play on Words.—"Yes," she said, bitterly, "you loved me then—and now?" The pauper sighed. "It is merely a phase of passion," he calmly replied. "I still love you now and then."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Editor—"That was a fine editorial you had this morning on the 'Increase of Sordid Commercialism.'" Assistant Editor—"Yes, the old man wrote it himself, after one of our best poets notified him that we would get no more verse unless we paid something for it."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

NO MARKET FOR STOLEN HAIR.

A Dealer's View of the Stories of Girls Whose Braids Disappeared Suddenly.

A reporter for the Sun asked a dealer in human hair whether men in his line bought the braids reported from time to time to have been clipped from young girls' heads in the streets and elsewhere. He smiled and said:

"Many people think so, but they are mistaken. If we do purchase the hair, we would not give 50 cents for the prettiest braid. Some people labor under the impression that a head of beautiful tresses is worth \$25 or \$50. There are in the large cities houses that buy women's hair, but it is my opinion that very little of the hair cut suddenly from a woman's head finds its way to them.

The prices paid for such goods are so small that it would not pay a person to rob women of their hair. I have frequently been asked whether tramps or other suspicious-looking individuals offer us for sale hair that might have been shaven from a woman's head. None has ever entered our place.

Persons with hair gotten legitimately sometimes call to sell it, but we cannot use it. No, human hair dealers do not get their hair in this way. Look at this hair. That is the only hair in which we buy it. Most of the hair used in this country comes from France.

There women cultivate beautiful hair for the purpose of selling it. Agents go from house to house, pay a trivial sum for it, and then skillfully cut it off. Then it is sent to factories, where it goes through various processes before it is ready for the market. This hair I have in my hand is all of the same length. The fine and strong hair and the coarser and most feeble and the long and short must be separated. All must be uniform. These are the reasons, then, why we could not utilize hair just cut off."

"Do persons ever sell you dead people's hair?"

"We have had such callers. But as such hair is weak and brittle, it cannot be used in our business."

"How do you account for these hair-clipping stories?"

"We have our own opinions. Sometimes girls get tired of combing and caring for their hair. Their parents do not allow them to cut it off. The next thing they know some villain has come along and clipped it off, according to the girl's story. She may have done the clipping and hidden away the braid. Of course, there may be legitimate cases of braid stealing or clipping for revenge, spite or malice; but as for professional hair stealers, never."

"As I said before, there is nothing in it. I have yet to hear of anyone being arrested with stolen human hair in his possession; that is, hair clipped from an unsuspecting girl on the street."—N. Y. Sun.

A Rainy Day.

It is not until we take the rainfall in the bulk that we can realize what a stupendous quantity of water showers down in Great Britain and Ireland in one year, and even when we have the figures before us it is difficult to realize their magnitude. To say, for instance, that 2,362,370,000,000 cubic feet of rain on an average fall annually on the United Kingdom conveys little or nothing, though it implies something moist, and when we further learn that the weight of the same amounts to 253,126,500,000 tons, except for a feeling of thankfulness that it did not fall on our toes all at once, we are only conscious that it makes a very pretty row of figures. With the laudable intention of making these latter figures look small we will merely say that the total weight of the rain that falls in one year on the British Isles is only equal to 1-119 part of the weight of one paltry square mile of the earth's surface, from the surface to the center of the earth. When we consider that there are 121,000 square miles of such surface in the United Kingdom alone one can understand what an infinitesimal fraction of the total weight of the British Isles the annual rainfall would amount to. Why, 4,300,000 North bridges would almost equal it.—Lancette.

Comfort is tedious when it lasts too long.—Elizabeth Stoddard.

Rather go to bed supperless than rise in debt.—Franklin.

A coward's fear can make a coward valiant.—Felltham.

Purposelessness is the fruitful mother of crime.—Parkhurst.

It is much easier to be critical than to be correct.—Disraeli.

SENDING A GIRL TO COLLEGE.

The Expense is Much Less Than That Incurred When Sending a Boy.

A consideration which will cause serious thought is the cost of the undertaking, and where means are limited this point has great weight. The cost must not, however, be gauged by what a boy spends in college; the comparison is as unfair in this particular as in other relative expenses. Each college prospectus states exactly the legitimate fees; to this must be added a sum sufficient for the purchase of books, and the requirements of social life, as represented in the clubs and students' organizations; beyond this the matter of expense resolves itself into parental liberality in pocket money. So far as dress is concerned, no one need borrow trouble. The woman's college inculcates a spirit of democracy; character and brains count for more than sumptuous raiment; the one girl may wear purple and fine linen, and the next one linsy-wolsley, and yet both will stand on the same footing so far as externals are concerned. Last of all in weighing the arguments in favor of college those features in which books play no part will be perhaps the last grains needed to turn the scale. The advantages of wide association; the life-long friendships which have here their beginnings; the healthful friction of minds against minds; the lessons of self-control and self-reliance; the finding one's proper level, and then the joys of field day and float day, tennis, golf, wheeling and feminine athletics generally.

The conclusion once reached that a girl is to go to college, two things follow in order—choice of college, and the manner of preparation for entrance. In the matter of choice of college there is very little advice to be given. The woman's college has not yet reached the charm of tradition; a girl hardly yet chooses a particular institution because it was her mother's alma mater, and athletics are not sufficiently developed to exercise positive influence. Unless there is decided preference for education, such as Cornell, Bryn Mawr, Vassar, Wellesley and Smith present equal facilities. Bryn Mawr is patterned more after the university idea; Barnard and Radcliffe appear perhaps as appendages to men's colleges, and, though their advantages are excellent, they lack as yet the full charm of student life. Besides these colleges there are numerous smaller institutions offering good courses of study leading to a degree.

Preparation for college should be begun at an early age, and can be most satisfactorily accomplished at a good secondary school. This does not mean that such training can be obtained nowhere else; the high schools in many states do excellent work in this respect. But the peculiar advantage of the secondary school lies in the fact that the whole course of study is planned with one object in view, and that the pupil breathes the college atmosphere from the very outset. A further advantage, and one which, to its credit, the secondary school shows sparingly, is the privilege of sending pupils to college on certificate. To enter college without the ordeal of examination is not an unmixed blessing, any more than the examination itself is an unmitigated evil; but the privilege just mentioned has helped many a nervous, self-distrustful girl, who, once inside the college doors, has never again needed even so slight a prop as that implied in "entrance on certificate."

One final point—college is not exclusively for those born with the traditional gold spoon; the candidate who needs a helping hand will find it outstretched in many directions. There are students' aid associations which lend money to struggling sisters, there are college scholarships and alumnae scholarships, and besides, many generous good friends whom the college president alone knows. Then there are opportunities to help one's self by tutoring, mending, assisting in the library or laboratory. So one need not be cast down because circumstances are unequal; the college doors open with equal hospitality to all, and bid welcome to the happiest four years of life a girl can spend.—Harper's Bazar.

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Covetousness is ever attended with solicitude and anxiety.—Franklin.

The greatness of man forbids that the grave ends all.—Moses Harvey.

The virtue of Christianity is obedience.—Haro.

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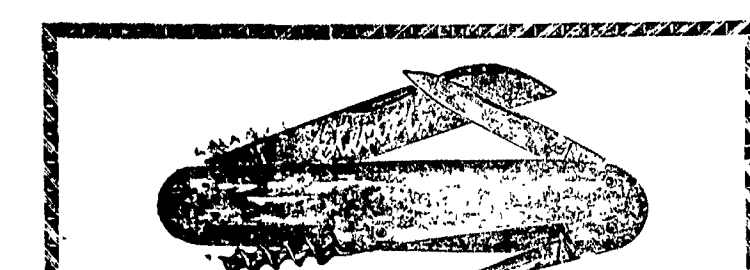
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LOCAL NEWS.

Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.
Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar
Next comes New Year's—1899.

Pictures and Frames at Melchers' Art Store south of the Postoffice.
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Koeck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf
Vive Cameras, Opera House Drug Co.
The Decatur Normal students will be entertained by the Warrensburg Normal students on Wednesday evening.

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-dtf
Best line of pictures in the city. Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22-d1w
Fine candies at Glossner's, 148 East Prairie.

Will Morris and Leslie Williams, the elevator conductors of the Millikin building, were remembered by the tenants of the building on Saturday evening with \$5 each as a Christmas offering of good cheer and appreciation of their services.

Do you want plastering done? If so telephone 1402, old phone. Decatur Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—5-dtf

This is midwinter vacation for the school children.

Pictures and Frames 15 cents and up. Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co.—22-d1w

The standard pianos are the Chickering and Packards, to be had only at the C. B. Prescott music house. See them.

The latest and sweetest Perfume—Everlasting Violet. Opera House Drug Co.

New term in dancing begins Monday night Dec. 26 at the armory.

Comrade J. M. Walton, who is at the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, has sent a Christmas greeting letter to J. M. Huff and the members of the "Old Glory Whist Club," of which he has long been one of the expert "coffee cooler" players. Comrade Walton will be at the Huff hotel in the near future, when there will be a reunion of the club. He writes that at present there is more sickness among the old veterans at the Soldiers' Home than at any previous period in its history. It was suggested today that a banquet be spread at the Huff hotel in honor of Walton on the day of his return to Decatur.

Let me say I have used Ely's Cream Balm for catarrh and a thoroughly recommend it for what it claims. Very truly, (Rev.) H. W. Hathaway, Elizabeth, N. J.
I tried Ely's Cream Balm, and to all appearances am cured of catarrh. The terrible headaches from which I long suffered are gone.—W. J. Hitchcock, late Major U. S. Vol. and A. A. Gen., Buffalo, N. Y.
A 10c trial size or the 50c size of Ely's Cream Balm will be mailed. Kept by druggists. Ely Brothers, 66 Warren St., N. Y.

A Chance to Visit Your Friends.
Holiday excursions via the P. D. and E. Ry. at cheap rates. Your ticket agent will tell you all about it. See him and get particulars.—2-28d

Recovering.
John Boland, foreman of the Decatur Corned Works, who was injured in an explosion at the Decatur Cereal Mill about 10 days ago, is slowly recovering.

Holiday Rates Via I. C. R. R.
For Christmas and New Year holidays the Illinois Central will sell tickets within a distance of 300 miles at rate of one and one-third fare round trip. Good going December 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1898, and January 1 and 2, 1899. Good returning until and including January 4, 1899. For tickets call at city office or depot.—3-d10c

At Turner Park.
At the Turner park Sunday evening the members of the organization had a Christmas tree and treat for the children. There was quite a large attendance. A program consisting of recitations and songs was rendered and on the stage there was a Christmas tree loaded with pretty things. All the young people were presented with candy and gifts.

Holiday Rates.
The P. D. and E. Ry. will sell tickets between points on its line on December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and January 1, at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets good returning until January 3. Call on your ticket agent for particulars as to territory.—2-28d

Truthful will be dear this year, as the dry summer in France has brought about a very short crop this fall.

TRY GRAIN-O! TRY GRAIN-O!

Ask your grocer today to show you a package of GRAIN-O the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. Two children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that rich and brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains and the most delicate stomachic nature it without distress. It is the price of coffee, 15c and 25c per package. Sold by all grocers.

WEDDING BELLS

Prof. Forsyth and Miss Albin at the Altar.

Happy Marriage at the Home of the Bride Near Forsyth—About Seventy-Five Guests Present—Gifts.

The most notable event of the season in the vicinity of Forsyth was the marriage of Miss Emma Pearl Albin, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Albin, to Mr. L. R. Forsyth, one of the faculty of the Mount Vernon Collegiate Institute, at the residence of the bride's parents, five miles northeast of Warrensburg on Wednesday evening, December 21, at 6 o'clock p. m. The short but impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. D. A. Rupp of Beardsdale, pastor of the Church of God at Fairview. The bride was attired in a beautiful white cashmere dress trimmed with fine lace and silk, and wore smilax and tea roses. After the ceremony the guests numbering about 65 were invited to the dining room to partake of a sumptuous wedding supper which had been prepared by the bride's mother and Mrs. A. J. Dillinger and others. After supper was over came congratulations, which were numerous and hearty. The company was highly entertained by several recitations given by Miss Dewey, elocutionist of the Mt. Vernon College, who is a niece of Admiral Dewey of the U. S. navy.

The groom, by earnest solicitation, gave two interesting recitations which created a good deal of merriment.

The following is a list of the presents: Silver cake basket, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Albin; set silver knives and forks, Grandma Watkins and family; set silver tea spoons, Mrs. M. J. Lehman and family; set silver knives and forks, J. B. Good and family; fancy colored glass water set, W. L. Bibb; fancy parlor lamp, Mrs. W. E. Clark and Mrs. J. H. Lehman; pin tray, Henry D. Clark; fancy pitcher, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ehrhart; fruit dish, Frank and Charles Ehrhart; fancy cup and saucer, Clarence E. Albin; glass water set, Joseph Schinzel; fancy glass, Miss Elma Clark; dozen fancy glasses, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Watkins; fancy bread can, Miss Clara Richards; linen table cloth, Mr. and Mrs. Kemp of Chicago; dozen linen napkins, Elizabeth Forsyth, sister of the groom; linen table cloth, Mrs. A. C. Albin; bed spread, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bennett; bed spread, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Forsyth, father and mother of the groom; side board scarf, Miss Myrtle Clark; bed quilt, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Tuttle, Dayton, Ohio; pair white wool blankets, Mr. and Mrs. William Shoemaker and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lillinger; pair white wool blankets, Upton Forsyth, Dayton, Ohio; fancy parlor lamp, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jenkins; linen towels, Mr. and Mrs. W. Schultz; old colony rocker, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Forsyth; Chicago fancy chair, by the faculty of Mt. Vernon Collegiate Institute. One of the Guests.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Were Given to the Employees of the Factories of the City.

Among the firms who gave turkeys for Christmas dinner to their employees were the following: The Faries Manufacturing Co., 45 birds; the Tait Check Rower factory; Union Iron Works, 60 turkeys and 60 cans of oysters; Huff Brothers, 25 turkeys; Stewart Cornice Works, F. D. Caldwell, coal dealer; Colby Lumber Co.; Mueller Manufacturing Co.; Standard Oil Co. S. T. Carr gave each of his tenants a turkey.

GAVE HIM A CHAIR.
While the proprietors of the H. Mueller Manufacturing Company remembered the employees with turkeys, oysters and cigars, the employees did not forget their employer. They presented H. Mueller with a handsomely upholstered chair. The presentation was made by Will Pease and Charles Ray on behalf of the others who work in the establishment.

GAVE AWAY FLOUR.
Each and every minister in Decatur received a very practical and useful Christmas present from V. N. Hinkle. It was in the shape of two sacks of Minnesota flour and one sack of corn meal for each preacher. Saturday evening Mr. Hinkle had a wagon brought to his establishment at the corner of North Main and William street and loaded it with the meal and flour. The driver was given the address of every minister and orders to leave the present at each place.

CASH PRIZES GIVEN

For the Best Kept Sections on the Wabash Railroad.

The Wabash railroad on Saturday gave out Christmas presents in the shape of cash prizes to the section men in each road department who had the best kept section. The first prize in each case was \$5 and the second prize was \$25. About two months ago the inspection of the road was made and each section was given marks for certain virtues or defects. The figures were averaged up and in this way the prize winners were determined.

The list of the prize winners was as follows:

Ninth and Tenth districts, M. J. Ryan, Decatur, roadmaster. Thomas J. Dailey, Carro Gordo, section 111, first prize; Con Ryan, Ivesdale, section 108, second prize.
Tenth district, T. W. Mogner, Bluffs, roadmaster. J. E. Walker, Kinderhook, section 135, first prize; M. Schultz, Baylis, section 133, second prize.
Sixth district, John McKeown, Forrest, roadmaster. John F. Rickotts, Campus, section 212, first prize; Mike Gust, Emington, section 213, second prize.
Seventh and Eighth districts, E. C. Davey, Bement, roadmaster. E. C. Rickotts, Forrest, section 216, first prize; O. O. Pearson, Sibley, section 222, second prize.
Thirteenth district, J. T. Welch, Litchfield, roadmaster. Frederick Lehne, Edwardsville Junction, section 253, first prize; Jerry Sheahan, Edwardsville Junction, section 253, second prize.

DECATUR YARDS WIN.

The yards are not classed with the other sections, but are in a separate class. In the yards Decatur takes both first and second premiums.
N. J. Crow of Decatur takes first and M. Sheehy second premiums. The yard sections are at Decatur, Springfield, Bluffs, Landers, Forrest and East St. Louis.

BOND FOR \$50,000

Filed by O. B. Gorin, Executor of the Smallwood Estate.

The will of the late Joseph P. Smallwood was on Saturday admitted to probate in the county court. Judge Hammer made an order in the case stating that the petition of O. B. Gorin for the probate of the will being considered, and Frank R. Shull and W. T. Cussins, the witnesses to the will having given oral testimony, and it appearing to the court that the writing prepared was the last will and testament of Joseph Smallwood, and that he was sound in mind and memory when he made it, the court admitted to probate the will and ordered letters testamentary issued to Orville B. Gorin, who was named as executor.

Attorney David Hutchinson was present in the interest of Frank Smallwood, the son of the deceased. In answer to questions by Mr. Hutchinson Mr. Shull, one of the witnesses, said that he was asked by Mr. Cussins to come to Mr. Smallwood's house and witness the will and that no one else was present at the time. He also stated that he did not know that O. B. Gorin was named as executor.

Mr. Cussins said that Mr. Smallwood came to him and said he wanted a codicil to his will written. The attorney told Mr. Smallwood that the codicil would be longer than the will and that he had better have a new will written. Mr. Smallwood asked Mr. Cussins to do this and left the office. A day or two later Mr. Cussins was passing the Smallwood residence and Mr. Smallwood asked that the will be drawn up at once and bring it to the house with someone to witness it. On February 27, 1897, Mr. Cussins took the will to Mr. Smallwood and asked Mr. Shull to go with him to witness it.

The estate is estimated to be worth \$135,000 and the property is left to O. B. Gorin, trustee. Judge Hammer fixed the bond of the executor at \$50,000 and James Millikin and J. M. Brownback were given as sureties.

AN OLD HAT

Leads the Police to Think Cars Johnson Shot at Diller.

The police have been led to believe that Cars Johnson, the man who is now in the county jail on a charge of having stolen Charles Grist's chickens, is the same man who shot at and attempted to hold up Diller, the butcher on Broadway, some time ago. The would-be robber lost his hat in making his escape from the butcher shop when Diller got after him with a clever, and the hat has now almost positively been identified as belonging to Johnson.

Nine Warrants.

There are now nine state warrants out against Chris Laux, the man who was arrested several days ago. Most all of the plunder which was found in his house was identified. W. A. Holman has identified the riding bridle as belonging to him and swore out the ninth warrant.

On the Road.

Alderman H. C. Anthony left Saturday night for Chicago and from there he will go to New York. It is possible that he will make arrangements to go on the road as traveling salesman for a big corset house.

Highway Commissioners.

The highway commissioners of Decatur township will hereafter meet every two weeks instead of every week. The next meeting will be held Saturday afternoon.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Will Give a Christmas Oratorio To-Night

AT THE SCHOOL BUILDING

Many Will Take Part in the Entertainment—Elaborate Music and Tableaux Will be Presented.

The Christmas entertainment to be given this evening by the members of St. James German Catholic church at the school house on East Clay street will be the most important event that has taken place in the church this year. For a long time past the participants have been rehearsing in order that the entertainment might be perfect.

The Christmas oratorio which will be presented by the church members this evening is a famous one. It was composed by H. F. Mueller. It was first presented in 1879, and during the following four years was presented in 150 cities of Germany, Austria, Holland and Switzerland. It was afterward translated into different languages and was played in Russia, Italy, Butavia, Jerusalem and China, and later was brought to America. The oratorio was recently given at Evansville, Indiana, and was given most complimentary press notices.

The six number of the oratorio are as follows:

1. Representation of the Old Testament, showing David playing a harp and the prophets explaining the scripture.
 2. The Annunciation, showing the blessed Virgin at prayer.
 3. The birth of our Lord, showing the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph adoring the infant.
 4. The adoration of the shepherds.
 5. The three Magis offering gifts.
 6. Christmas joy and Christmas tree.
- Each of the above numbers is in the shape of a tableau and is accompanied by beautiful singing. Great pains have been taken in the preparation of the entertainment and it will be different from anything that is usually seen. At the close of the oratorio refreshments will be served, and there will be a treat for the children.

THE STAGE.

"HUMAN HEARTS."

Tonight "Human Hearts" will be the holiday attraction at the Grand. It will be a fine performance. Everybody should go.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

Julia Marlowe's new play, "The Countess Valeska," is punctuated with trumpet blasts, the flash of steel, the rattle of musketry and the turbulent episodes of war. It is claimed that the play proves that the German dramatist, Rudolph Strutz, has the same skill in realistically suggesting war scenes as our own Gillette. He has the advantage in this work of having the more picturesque uniforms of Europe in the early part of the century to give brilliancy to his stage kaleidoscope. "The Countess Valeska" will be the medium of Miss Marlowe's appearance at the Grand opera house Thursday evening, December 29. The supporting company this season has been especially engaged with a view to the qualification of its members for their respective parts in "The Countess Valeska." Holbert Bosworth and John Blair sustain the principal male roles.

Holiday Rates.

The Indiana, Decatur and Western railway will sell tickets between all stations and to all points in Central Passenger Association territory on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31, and January 1 and 2, at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning including January 3, 1899. For time of train rates, tickets and full information call on any I. D. and W. ticket agent or address John S. Lazarus, General Passenger Agent.—16-d1w

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Norman Martin of Galveston, Texas, on December 10, a daughter. Mrs. Martin was formerly Miss Jennie Lyons of this city.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Athens of East Prairie street on December 13, a daughter.

'Possum Supper.

The members of the Decatur city fire department are making preparations for their annual 'possum supper which is to take place on New Year's eve at the Morgan street house. Last year the firemen gave supper and it always is an elaborate affair. They are now feeding a number of 'possums which will soon be killed.

TWENTY-SEVENTH

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to Keep Things Movin
—The Items.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—of the Spanish war, including sons in the dependencies during remainder of the present fiscal year will probably fall within the \$200,000,000. This was about amount estimated by careful at the time of the signing of protocol in August, and the has been sustained by subsequent events. The signing of the was far from putting an end to expenditures, and the net cost of military and naval service, not on a peace basis, was larger in September than in the figures for later months shown a gradual decline of millions per month, and it is as though existing revenue law pay most of the expense for until the close of the fiscal year June 30 next.

Stated in round figures, the cost of the army and navy above the cost in 1897, was services were upon a peace basis \$10,000,000 in May, \$23,000,000 in June, \$29,000,000 in July, \$31,000,000 in August, \$25,000,000 in September, \$20,000,000 in October and \$11,000,000 in November. The cost thus far in December has been about \$10,000,000, but a million or two more added by the close of the month. These expenditures are not for the maintenance of troops in the field, but involve the settlements entered upon in the manufacture of arms and in the armories, which is still on at a higher rate than before war, and the payment of troops have been mustered out of the service.

The figures in detail show the expense for the war amounting to \$73,229, which is likely to be to about \$188,000,000 at the present month. The figures for December will be between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000, but a further increase is likely to occur during the following months. It is not a little, therefore, to estimate the war expenditure for the six months of the fiscal year, 1899, \$90,000,000 per month, which would add \$540,000,000 to the expense already incurred. This would make the total expenditure for the year close up to \$250,000,000, which will be in the future cannot be determined, but it is probable that a considerable portion of the expenditures will be defrayed by revenues of the new dependencies.

DEWEY'S FUT

He May be Kept on the Active Ten Years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—D. Evans' name is prominent in connection with the retirement of Admiral Dewey from the New York navy, now that it seems to be decided that it seems to be decided that Admiral Sampson will be commander-in-chief of the Atlantic station and Rear Admiral Schley will be assigned to see compliance with his request. Unless Congress should pass authorizing him to remain on active list, Admiral Dewey will be placed on the retired list on December 26, 1899. Only one other retirement will occur next year—that of Rear Admiral H. L. Howison, now commander of the Boston Navy Yard. A strong sentiment in naval favor of the passage of a law will permit the retention of Dewey upon the active list for years, as was done in the case of the civil war. Reports from Manila that Dewey desires to return home.

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